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SUBJECT: YARG BAN ON CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN EMBASSIES

1. DURING MY JULY 11 MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT NO YEMENIS BE PERMITTED TO VISIT EMBASSIES IN SANA WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM YEMENI AUTHORITIES. AL-ASNAJ EXPLAINED THAT AL-HAMDI IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT SAUDI EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH DISSIDENT TRIBAL ELEMENTS IN YEMEN BUT IS ALSO USING THIS AS PRETEXT IN ORDER TO CONTROL MORE CAREFULLY VISITORS TO THE SOVIET, IRAQI AND LIBYAN EMBASSIES.

2. AL-ASNAJ WAS NOT SURE HOW THIS DIRECTIVE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BUT HE INFORMED ME THAT OFFICIAL NOTES WOULD BE SENT TO ALL THE EMBASSIES APPRISING THEM OF THIS NEW MEASURES. (FORMAL NOTED KUTDT JULY 12, DATED JULY 10.)
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3. COMMENT: THOSE EMBASSIES WHICH ARE IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL YEMENI ELEMENTS UNFRIENDLY TO THE REGIME WILL OBVIOUSLY FIND OTHER WAYS TO MAINTAIN THESE CONTACTS NO MATTER WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERY DIRECTS. MOREOVER, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE YARG TO FIND THE MANPOWER TO MONITOR ALL THE EMBASSIES. THUS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT

OUR OPERATIONS WILL BE UNDULY AFFECTED. IF SO, I WILL
RAISE MATTER WITH AL-ASNAJ.
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